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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS, SOUTH AFRICA

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF COMPENSATION ITEMS OFFERED BY SOUTH AFRICA FOR WITHDRAWAL OF GATT BINDING ON EX 84/62 WITH O.J. KOK, DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL TRADE DIVISION IN S.A. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. KOK STATE THAT DESCRIPTION OF COMPENSATION ITEMS HAS BEEN REDRAFTED FROM ORIGINAL NEGATIVE DESCRIPTION TO POSITIVE DESCRIPTION WHICH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

"BALL, ROLLER, AND NEEDLE ROLLER BEARINGS WITH AN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF LESS THAN 31MM OR EXCEEDING 130MM BUT EXCLUDING JOURNAL ROLLER BEARINGS OF THE ROTATING END-COVER TYPE, WITH OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF NOT LESS THAN 170MM, BUT NOT EXCEEDING 210MM, COMMONLY USED ON AXLES OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK AND LOCOMOTIVES."

2. KOK STATED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE STATISTICS DO NOT CONTAIN A SINGLE NUMERICAL SUB-CATEGORY FOR COMPENSATION ITEM AS IT INCLUDES ALL OF ONE SUB-CATEGORY AND PART OF ANOTHER. TWO SUB-CATEGORIES ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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BTN 84.62.10 (ALL) AND 84.62.90 (PART). VALUE OF TRADE IN COMPENSATION ITEM COVERED IN 84.62.90 WAS CALCULATED BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ON BASIS OF CUSTOMS CLEARING DOCUMENTS. KOK GAVE FOLLOWING VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM U.S. FOR COMPENSATION ITEM:

1973 R1,382,000

1974 R2,574,000

1975 R3,237,000

1973-75 (AVERAGE) R2,398.000

3. PUBLISHED S.A. TRADE FIGURES GIVE FOLLOWING DATA ON IMPORTS
FROM U.S. IN TWO CATEGORIES FROM WHICH COMPENSATION ITEM DRAWN:

BTN 84.62.10

1973 R430,000

1974 R 717,871

1975 R 1,067,256

BTN 84/62.90

1973 R 2,167,427

1974 R 3,983,341

1975 R 6,676,549

4. KOK STATED THAT S.A. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE
CREATING NEW CUSTOMS CATERGORY FOR COMPENSATION ITEM AND
THAT SAG IS NOW IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING TARIFF CHANGE
IN COMPENSATORY ITEM AND WITHDRAWAL OF 84.62.
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